out that the price of asphalt was growing up enormously and we thought that we would protect ourselves against huge expenditure by doing this work now itself.

With regard to item No. 12, *i. e.*, supply of stair carpets to the Ram Mohan Palace, it may be considered to be a luxury on which there may be differences of opinion; but personally, I think, that such a magnificent staircase should have carpets worth Rs. 601 and it is not a luxury.

Item No. 13 is compensation to be paid to the contractor. In fact this item goes with item No. 2. These are the nature of the items. Hon'ble members have presumed that except items Nos. 1 and 2 all others are not urgent. I only give these as questions of fact and not with a view to influence decisions.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Sir, before the demand is put to vote I would like to suggest to the Hon'ble President that the items comprising the grant may be put to vote separately as several hon'ble members hold different views with regard to each item.

Mr. President: If hon'ble members so wish I have no objection.

All the items were then put to vote one by one and carried

Legislative Business

Government Bills

1. The Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill be read in council.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Section 24-A of the Cochin Police Act, I of 1058, was added by Act, VI of 1098. That section authorises the District Magistrate with the previous sanction of Government and subject to the orders made by a municipal or other local authority to frame rules for regulation of traffic and for preservation of order in public places, etc. By an accidental omission no penalty was provided in the Act for the violation of the rules. So, this bill is only to fill up that gap in the Act. I request that the House may be pleased to accept the motion.

Motion put and carried

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Secretary to the Council : The title of the bill is the Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order 32 and allow me to move that the bill be taken into consideration at once.

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration.

Motion put and carried

Clause 2 put and carried

Clause 1, title and preamble put and carried

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Census Bill

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir I do not think it is necessary for me to explain the various provisions contained in the bill, because they are self-explanatory. The bill is mainly an adaptation of the British Indian Act, XXIV of 1939.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council : The title of the bill is the Cochin Census Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order 32.

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Census Bill be taken into consideration.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 to 14 put and carried

Clause 1, title and preamble put and carried

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